

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-36 (canceled).

Claims 37 (canceled).

Claims 38-41 (canceled).

Claim 42 (canceled).

Claims 43-72 (canceled).

Claim 73 (new). A composition for assisting in the removal of human cerumen from the external ear canal, comprising about 0.5% to about 15% w/v sodium bicarbonate, about 50 AU/ml to about 500 AU/ml methyl trypsin, about 1% to about 20% w/v glycerin, about 0.001% to about 0.1% w/v benzalkonium chloride, and water, said composition having a pH of about 7.5 to about 9.0.

Claim 74 (new). The composition of claim 73 further comprising about 0.1% to about 8% w/v sodium citrate.2H<sub>2</sub>O and about 0.05% to about 1% w/v Tetronic® 1304.

Claim 75 (new). The composition of claim 73 comprising about 5% w/v sodium bicarbonate, about 200 AU/ml methyl trypsin, about 7% w/v glycerin, and about 0.01% w/v benzalkonium chloride.

Claim 76 (new). The composition of claim 75 further comprising about 3% w/v sodium citrate.2H<sub>2</sub>O and about 0.25% w/v Tetronic® 1304.

Claim 77 (new). The composition of claim 75 wherein said composition has a pH of about 8.0 to about 8.3.